

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Father, hear me midst the battle's roar;
Thou canst save me as in days of yore;
Thou alone canst keep me true to Thee;
Help me here to do my duty.
May my heart always be stayed on Thee,
May Thy grace for trials strengthen me,
Help me now to put my trust in Thee,
My Father God?

With Thee give me grace from day to day;
Help me travel on the narrow way;
My heart to Thee, and humbly say:
I am Thy child.

In the dangers of this dreadful hour
I will seek the shelter of Thy power,
Fall upon my face before Thee,
And in tenderest love adore Thee.
With Thee still in mercy think of me;
Help to keep my soul at liberty,
And teach others how to look to Thee.

My Father—God?
—Young People's Sergeant-Major J. Harris, Dunnville.
[The song to the tune, "Zion's Hymn."]

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least Commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.
For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

THIS text, to my mind, contains the very best advice that could be given. Older Soldiers can often help Converts by cheering words and useful advice, but the most effective way to aid their establishment in the faith is to show them an example of good works which will lead them on to, in turn, become enlighteners of others. By deeds, as well as by words, they should be made to feel that they are regarded as fellow-workers in the Vineyard, and that they are expected to take part in bringing men and women from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

A Great Privilege

By doing this the older Soldiers will make the Convert feel that he is not only saved from hell, but has been given, by the Saviour, the responsibility, honour, and privilege of being a father of men.
The Convert's light is meant to shine as soon as it is lit, but it takes longer to kindle the full flame in some lamps than in others. In some cases the light flashes out immediately, in others it comes gradually. In our dealings with young Converts, it should be remembered that there are differences between them which are of this nature. Some will come to the front at once, and they will require much feeding with "the sincere milk of the Word" before they are sufficiently strong to do exploits.

The timid and weak should be tenderly nursed into strength and boldness; the well-meaning but in-

Spiritual Dry-Rot; or Sin of Mistrust

By MRS. GENERAL BOOTH

In my last paper in "The War Cry" I showed how one effect of sin is to rob us of faith and to engender mistrust in the heart. This mistrust is to the spiritual life what dry-rot is to a house. Those who neglect to provide for certain parts of their buildings to receive fresh air through special channels of ventilation by their buildings open to the evil of dry-rot.

In like manner those who, in the spiritual life, refuse to receive fresh light and the breath of God are bound to be attacked by that terrible sin of mistrust which, like dry-rot, does its deadly work in silence and in secret.

Begin by Mistrust
This evil usually begins, as I have previously pointed out, by mistrust in the Providence of God; it reveals itself further by lack of confidence in His power.
This is manifested in three ways: First, in doubting His power to save and in lowering the standard of true religion or holiness. Sin would always lead us to allow doctrine to take the place of conviction; to assent with the head instead of with the heart. It causes us to rest content with the acceptance of principles or truths which we do not purpose to carry out in our daily life. For instance, we say that we believe our God to be "able to save to the uttermost," but how often do not sin destroy in our hearts that glorious realization that He is really able to save us!

We allow all kinds of excuses for our lack of this experience. We make our weakness an excuse, or the difficulty in our circumstances. Then we make failure in the lives of others a reason why ourselves should not step out on the promises of God; or we doubt God's willingness to save, even where we dare not actually doubt His power.

It has, well been written that

THE SALVATION SOLDIERS' ARMOURY

Duty of Older Soldiers to Young Converts

By ADJUTANT BUNTON (DOVERCOURT)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

How beautifully the poet has written: "The Lord I find new strength for duty, As o'er the sands of time I plod; I find new strength for duty, While resting there alone with God. Alas with God—the world forgot! Alas with God—the world forgot! Alas with God—the world forgot! To hold with Him communion sweet."

Without "preaching" at the young Convert, the older Soldier can tell him of the joys of much private intercourse with God, of the delights of uninterrupted communion with Heaven. This is the secret of the development of good fighting Soldiers.

Doing God's Will

The older Soldier can further help the young Convert to grow in grace and become a Blood-and-Fire Salvationist by impressing upon him in love the fact that Christ always lights the lamp where He wants it to shine. With their future sphere of work they have at the moment nothing to do. If they are wanted elsewhere the call will come in due time, their immediate business is to shine where they are and to trust God for the future.

of long ago," she wrote, "I would have accepted such promises as from the Spirit of God, and have obeyed without demur, but now—"

Ravages of Destructive Worm

I was reading only yesterday that the oak-work of one of our most historic buildings—Westminster Hall—is suffering damage caused by the wood worm. Experts say that this has probably been going on for more than four hundred years. A spray has now been proposed and used which has in it a threefold object. First, it contains ingredients which are destructive, killing the worm which does the harm. Secondly, the spray has in it an oil, which is preventive against attacks in the future; and lastly, it includes a preparation which aids in the preservation of the timber. Should this spray fail, the oak-work in Westminster Hall is doomed.

I set myself to this problem, and I most certainly, their reception, as we have gone round visiting the Corps, has been most hearty—indeed it gets better every time we go.

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How are things going?

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Encouragement and Example

Encouragement and example on the part of older Soldiers will be sure to make young Converts anxious to make their own lives holy and useful in God's service. There is no telling what this encouragement of a young Convert may lead to. An outstanding instance of a remarkable chain of influence is on record in the case of the old Divian, Dr. Sibbes. The doctor wrote a book entitled "The Revised Book," which fell just at the right time into the hands of Richard Baxter, bringing to his soul a real Pentecost. Baxter then wrote a book to shine like the sun in its full strength and he wrote a book called "The Call of the Unconverted." Among the many who have been saved as a result of reading this was Philip Doddridge. In turn he wrote "The Rise and

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All Goes Well in the Hard-Working West

SAYS COMMISSIONER SOWTON TO A "WAR CRY" REPRESENTATIVE

THE SALVATION ARMY Headquarters for Canada-West were well-placed in the heart of busy and bustling Winnipeg. The throng of business life is all around and one feels one is "in it." The surroundings amid which we interviewed Commissioner Sowton were as fine a setting to the man, whose work is a fitting complement to the surroundings. The Commissioner, like the territory he commands and the city in which his Headquarters are situated, is built on generous lines, and he is large-hearted and capable, true to scale.

EXCELLENT SPIRIT OF OFFICERS

There was a moment's pause when we had settled down for our few minutes chat. "Where shall I begin?" asked the Commissioner. "What about your Officers?" we suggested. The Commissioner took us at our word. "Their spirit is excellent!" he said. "They are all excellent! They have a keen appreciation of the opportunities the West offers. They have rallied round Mr. Sowton and I find myself more and more convinced that they are just over two years ago."

Do you include the Soldiers also in these remarks?

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How are the Corps doing?

"Most are doing well, notwithstanding that so many people have gone away, and that the war has not brought to the West any new activities or new industries, or practically none. It must, of course, be remembered that while this is so, the farmers are doing well and gathering a splendid price for their grain. There is practically no unemployment; in fact, if we get a man out of the Penitentiary, or from the Police Court to-day, we have dozens of applications for him by to-morrow, but, of course, in such instances we choose the place and circumstances which we think will be most helpful to the man."

"Building materials are very dear and there is not much doing in this line—the tradesmen are not here to do the work, and there is a great dearth of skilled men."

What plans have you for the future, Commissioner?

"We do not let all our cats out of the bag at once. One is to launch an appeal, as soon as we feel it to be advisable, for a new building for the purpose of Training Officers for the West. We have, as you have seen, secured a splendid site for it."

Another plan is to build a new Maternity Hospital in Vancouver.

"Several small properties are in prospect for Corps' purposes, all in the direction of advance and better equipment."

"We are starting this week on a new building for St. James (Winnipeg V.), a large working-class district, where we have been crowded out, especially in connection with our Young People's Work. We are not only putting up a new building, but will be using the old one in addition."

PLANS OF IMMEDIATE FUTURE

"Have you any special campaigns in prospect for the immediate future?"

"We are to have a Young People's and Salvation Campaign this winter. We did very well last year, on the whole, some Corps' efforts turning out very good. The plan then was to hold a week's Salvation Campaign at certain centres. Lieut. Colonel Turner led some and I led others, and then the special effort on behalf of the Young People followed. This season we shall follow somewhat similar lines. The conditions prevailing here make the beginning of the year—February and March—the best time for such Campaigns."

"The West is a man's country. Before the war our streets were crowded with men. They flocked round the open-air meetings, filled our Halls, and helped to support the Work in liberal fashion. Among them we had many friends. Now, there is a new order of things. The streets of many of our smaller towns are deserted in the evenings, you have to get crowds from another source. They are made up of women and children, and elderly men—that is, they are not a chance crowd, you have to go after them to get them, and they are not as numerous as the younger men were. But the old conditions will return for in its present stage of development it is essentially a man's country."

Do not misunderstand me. The women and children are needed, and those who are here already are going to be a very great help to us.

"I have been very pleased, too, by the spirit

shown by our Young People. Last winter we had five Young People's Days, held at Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver. This winter we intend having six or seven. As a result of those already held, some of our Young People's Corps have been revolutionized. Young folks who had been timid and hesitating have taken a bold stand for God and The Army. Now they help in the work, testifying and generally coming more to the front. A number of Cadets have already come in as a direct outcome of the Young People's Campaign."

Numbers are showing an excellent spirit of aggression, and I have been very pleased with some instances that have come to my knowledge.

AN EARNEST WORKER

"A girl came to the Penitent Form and gave herself to God at one of the Young People's Days. She worked in a telephone office. Her mother thought was to buy the girl who worked in the office to come to The Army and get saved. She succeeded in getting several of them to the meetings, where they were converted. Some have become Soldiers, and both the girl herself, and one of those she thus led to the meeting, are entering the Training School this Session. A number of instances of that character have cheered me very much."

Mrs. Sowton takes an active part in the Salvation Work.

"Yes, she travels with me a great deal, and sometimes visits Corps alone. Her special delight is going after souls in the prayer meetings, though she takes her share of the proceedings throughout."

What about hospital visitation?

"A lot is being done by the League of Mercy, the Home League, and by Corps' Officers. Not only visitation of the hospitals, but of the relatives of soldiers whose names appear in the casualty list. In addition, the wives and children of the men away, whether they are reported as casualties or not, are looked up and cheered."

The absence of father from home is not a few instances, has meant trouble with the bigger boys, and here, directly and in connection with the Juvenile Court, our Officers are doing their best to help."

What about home life generally in the West?

"It is better than it was. The great lack before the war was women. Thousands of men would have been glad to marry and settle down in a home of their own, if they could have found a wife. It will be better after the war."

A TOWER OF STRENGTH

Your staff.

Lieut. Col. Turner and the Staff are standing by me splendidly. The Chief Secretary, especially, is a great tower of strength to me. We are running on a very close budget. It is bound to be so in a new Territory like this, and we need to be very careful, but I have the support and co-operation of all in a manner which is most gratifying."

In conclusion, Commissioner, a message for our readers?

"Tell the readers of 'The War Cry' that the West is all right, that our Officers and Soldiers love God, love the Flag, and love 'The General' with all their hearts. They are one with their comrades in the East for saving, blessing, and helping Canada."

WITH OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN CAMP AND AT THE FRONT.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Are Great Help to Hythe Corps

Mrs. Barry and I have just returned from our three weeks' tour, which we spent at Hythe, only about four miles from here. We enjoyed the sea breeze very much, and feel refreshed. Mrs. Major Aspinall kindly supplied at the Hut during our absence.

The Corps at Hythe is well attended by Canadian military men. Now I must drop this letter and seek refuge from the air raid, of whose approach warning has just been sounded.

Later—German aircraft did not quite reach us, but came near enough to be seen.

Five or six hundred khaki men have sought Salvation at the Hythe Corps Penitential Form since the outbreak of war. The Corps has lost almost all of its male Soldiers, they having to join up, but comrades from Canada splendidly make up for the loss. Brigadier Cameron, of Canadian fame, did a week-end while we were there. She has not forgotten the Land of the Maple Leaf. Mrs. Colonel Wilson visited us on Sunday. She is much pleased with the working of our Hut.

LEAGUES' BUSY SUNDAY

Conducts Three Meetings with Comrades on French Front.

Let me give you an illustration of one Sunday's work close up to the firing line (says Leagues E. H. Parish). A padre came to me during the week and said, "Will you take the parade service at 9:30 on Sunday morning?" I said, "I will," and when Sunday morning came the room was crowded, and all the men outside as would fill the place twice more. "They are willing to wait, if you will carry on," they told me. So I started right away and preached three times before eleven o'clock in that room, and each time it was crowded.

In the afternoon (continues our comrade) I went, at the request of an officer, to a village two and a half miles away and spoke in an old French Protestant Church which had been partly blown up, to about 200 men and some officers. After that I walked back to assist with another service at 6:30 p.m. and twelve souls sought Salvation.

IN "ORDERS OF THE DAY"

Salvationists May Take Part in Meetings and Processions.

It is of particular interest to our service comrades to know that an order has come out in the Orders at the various camps in Great Britain, (says the British "War Cry") which will give them full religious liberty to take part in our services both indoors and outdoors, and also in processions.

One order reads as follows:—

"Participation of Troops in Salvation Army Meetings—There is no objection to soldiers attending meetings held in Salvation Army Barracks or in open spaces when in uniform. Soldiers when off duty may also take part in processions which form an inseparable portion of the religious observances of The Salvation Army."

FROM THE BOYS OVERSEAS

Some Extracts from Letters Received at Headquarters

"I T is Sunday evening, and I am to conduct the service in Hut No. 3," writes Benjamin Harry Ashby. "We have very good services here every Sunday morning and evening. Of course, the morning service is after our own Church service, so it is an extra one for those who attend, but God draws very near to us all. It is impossible

"I thank God for His goodness, and for those who are praying for me," writes Private Harry Edmunds. "I am glad to hear that The Army is doing so well in Canada in spite of so many men being absent. I feel very grateful for The Army publications that are sent to me. They make such good reading, and are a great blessing in my soul."



The Salvation Army at Work in France and Belgium

Respecting these sketches, Adjutant (Chaplain-Captain) Penfold writes to me by his Service in "The Cry" some time ago, but wrongly said to be illustrations of The Army's Work at the base in France, whereas they are sketches of the various buildings used by him in connection with his work at the front.

to get in close touch with God in our own but, there is always a racket going on, so, of course, we appreciate a time alone.

"The Salvation Army Hut is certainly a Booby to us. I do not remember a Sunday that my mind did not run back to the different Corps I worked in in our fair land, and the great desire of my heart is to be at the old wheel again. Opportunities to speak for Christ do not appear here as they did then, but yet the boys eyes are open. So, my constant prayer is, 'Lord, keep me true!' My trust is in Him."

"I have had the joy of leading some of my comrades to Christ. The last Sunday I went to Godalming Corps I had the joy of leading two backsliders to the Cross, both Toronto boys. One of them is now in France. The burden of souls is ever upon me, and I praise God for it!"

"We attend Folkestone I. Corps," writes Brother Percy Harbord, "and have splendid times. I feel quite a different man since I enlisted. I realize the responsible position I hold as a Salvation Army Soldier. I was at the open-air on Sunday. We have large crowds. The people are very friendly to us. I am pleased to say that all is well with my soul. I have had victory over sin. It is a hard fight, but when I think of the suffering of Christ, it makes me fight all the harder."

OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Rejoiced to Know that Son from Canada Was a Salvationist.

In a letter written to Captain A. Ashby (Sarnia) from Bramshott Camp (Eng.), Private Reynolds says:

"I was glad to learn that you are having lively times, if we can call it lively, and I quite think we can when we see sinners getting converted and the Christian being determined to live nearer to God. I sure have seen some good meetings held in the different Huts."

"I saw your brother Harry and Jim Darbyshire, Clarke Chambers, and a few others whom you know, and they are all well. I told you that we are about seven miles apart from each other. Mr. Woods, who used to live in St. Mary's, is on his way back to Canada. He still has one boy in the West. Harry and Harry Ward will likely be over in Canada by now."

"I have been home to see my folks at last, and I tell you, we sure had a grand time for the six days we were together. I saw quite a change in mother and dad, and they also saw a change in me. They were sure thankful to God in bringing us together once again, after thirteen years of separation, and more especially did mother thank God for me, knowing that I had been converted. She told me that she had prayed many times for me, that I would live a Christian life. She just broke down with tears of joy and gladness. I am glad to say, Captain, that my folks are real Christians. I could quite feel it in me so when I was home, and mother said that my two brothers, who are engaged in this warfare, are also Christians, and that they, too, had made their start in The Salvation Army meetings. Mother has great respect for The Salvation Army for what it has done for us as boys spiritually. Remember me to the rest. My motto, 'Where duty calls me I will follow.'"

MANTOBA SOLDIERS

Were Interested Visitors at Ramsdale Children's Home.

A report in the East Kent (Eng.) "Times" contains the following paragraphs, which will probably interest friends in Canada:—

"Found Day was kept at The Home. The Salvation Army Home for little girls, in West Cliff Road, Ramsgate, on Saturday, and was very successful, the gifts and provisions, etc., being a valuable help to the home. Miss Asdell was able to attend and personally receive all gifts, which began to accumulate in the waiting room quite early in the day. By the evening the piles of provisions had assumed large proportions. Potatoes, rice, sugar, three vegetables, and fruit came in. Touching gifts were those brought by working men and women, produce from their war allotments."

"Some Salvationist soldiers from Manitoba, now at the Granville Hospital, were among the visitors, and they were keenly interested in the work at the Home."

The paper also announces that the Canadian soldiers have now left Ramsgate and Bromley, owing to the danger from air raids. Their departure has caused the deepest regret in both towns.

"It is no child's play to try to live a Christian life out here," writes Private Gitting. "It takes all the backbone and grit that a man's got to fight for God. If it was not for the power of God within me I would have fallen long ago, but, glory to His name! His grace is quite enough for me. How those beautiful words sink to me, 'Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation.' I have spoken to several of the boys about this, and they were quite wild in England, but since landing in France has changed considerably."

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HOME LEAGUE NOTES

The Rhodes Avenue (Toronto) Home League has bought two tons of coal for the Officers' Quarters. Some time in October a Sale of Work is to be held, and it is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised to purchase three more tons.

London I. Home League is progressing nicely. We have been laboring hard doing Red Cross work. We also held a Lavo Social on August 13th on the grounds of the Maternity Hospital, Riverside Avenue. We wish to thank the Staff of that Institution for their kindness for the use of the beautiful grounds. The London I. Band and Songsters rendered a splendid programme. Over \$50 was raised. We also had a Sale of Work, for which we realized \$15. The Home League has sent thirty-one boxes of good things to our own boys overseas. Mrs. Ward and other sisters of the League did splendid service in helping in the Sale of Work. We also knitted twenty pairs of socks for our boys at the front. We are providing a refreshment booth for Harvest Festival. The League cannot help but succeed with such able leaders as Mrs. Adjutant McKee and Mrs. Potter at the head of our organization. Our motto is unity.

—E. L. Temple.

The Drantford Home League has forwarded nine pairs of socks for soldiers at the front.

The following articles have been received from Home Leagues in the Division: Three pairs of pyjamas (Frederickton and Yarmouth), 8 pairs socks (Yarmouth and St. John 2), also three pairs socks from Miss Leja E. Moore, St. Stephen, N.B.

The Lindsay Home League members have been working hard (writes Secretary Mrs. Cross) in their busy season, too; but, with the splendid result that we have sent to the boys at the front 15 pairs socks, 6 pyjama suits, and a few handkerchiefs. This is all our funds would allow. It is to give, but we will try to get more soon. We have put the name of the maker on each article, as we think it interesting to the boys to know who it is from. The writer's son once received a pair of socks from a lady in Lindsay.

MUTUAL FORBEARANCE

In order to be satisfied even with the best people, we need to be content with little and to bear a great deal. Even the most perfect people have imperfections; we ourselves have a great deal. Our faults combined with theirs make mutual toleration a difficult matter; but we can only fulfill the law of Christ, by "bearing one another's burdens. There must be mutual loving forbearance."

Frequent silence, habitual recollection, prayer, self-attachment, faithfulness in putting aside all the little selfishness of a jealous, selfish nature, all these will go far to maintain peace and union. How many troubles would be avoided by this simplicity. Happy is he who neither listens in himself nor to the little talk of others.

Woman's Work, Ways and Warfare.

FOR THE LADS IN KHAKI

A GOOD IDEA WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN UP BY THE HOME LEAGUE MEMBERS, LIFE-SAVING GUARDS AND OTHERS



HOME HINTS

Girls and Household Management—There is many a girl of eighteen who has never bought herself a dress. Her mother has always done it for her. Boys and girls from fifteen on should keep household accounts. They should know what it costs to run the house, to buy the food, what can be got out of a given income in the way of life and comfort.

Here is a useful laundry hint—Make a note of it. Many people find it difficult to get up collars nicely at home. Make your starch in the ordinary way, rubbing in a little soap and a tiny lump of borax. After each piece has been starched, take a damp cloth, well soaped, and roll over each piece on both sides; roll up tightly for an hour or more, and when ready for ironing see that the iron is very hot. Clean it well with a coarse cloth, then with a piece of soap rub evenly over the surface. Polish off quickly with a clean cloth. You can then iron your collars without any trouble of iron sticking, and a nice gloss will be obtained.

Sheets always go in the centre first. As soon as ever they begin to get thin stir them all down the middle, turn sides to middle, and steam together. Then hem the whole, cutting off a strip if it has worn very thin anywhere and will evidently go into a hole. With a machine to run the hems, the whole thing takes up very little time, and the sheets when done will wear for months, or even years, if carefully washed and dried.

Have You a Fireless Cooker? If you have not yet made yourself a fuel-saving tin box, do so at once, using a cube sugar box, thickly lined with paper, tightly packed with hay (to fill round your enamel pan) and cover with a well-fitting padded lid.

A MOTHER'S APPRECIATION

An Incident of Social Service Visitation.

During the course of a visit to the home of one of our wounded soldiers, the mother of the soldier said to the visitor:—

"I have had a letter from my son, in which he says, 'I am sitting in a Salvation Army Hut, waiting for you, mother, on your paper.' It is certainly warm and comfortable here, and in fact it is the only place where you can get your clothes dried, get warmed up yourself, and get a good cup of tea or coffee, or for that matter, two cups—free of charge. I have enjoyed the Army yet, mother, but I certainly like going to their place."

The mother continued: "I have five boys. Six of them are now attending the Army meetings in the Huts. At home they were all singers and workers in our church, and now they are overseas they appreciate the opportunity given them of working for others in The Salvation Army service."

"Yes you may be assured I appreciate very much all that The Army is doing for my boys." As they made for the door the visitor felt that truly our work for others was worth while.—W.

These photos are of a mess-room decoration which Lieut. Colonel Smeeton is sending to his son in England. It is suggested that similar decorations would be a delightful reminder of home to those lying wounded in hospital, if sent to reach them about Christmas time. The large letter is reproduced to show the details of its construction, but, of course, fails to give any idea of the beautiful fall tints of the original. These tints are preserved by dipping the leaves in melted paraffin wax. The leaves are gummed on sheets of cardboard measuring 14x11 inches, one sheet to a letter, and the letters are themselves 14x10 inches.

USEFUL RECIPES

Grape Fruit Marmalade

One grape fruit, 2 oranges, 1 lemon—cut, peel, and pulp fine, cover with as much water as fruit, and let stand overnight; in the morning let boil briskly ten minutes, then set aside for 24 hours; at the end of that time add 4 lbs. of sugar, cook slowly, about 1 hour, or until it jells. This is inexpensive and very delicious.

Boiled Raisin Cake

One cup raisins, 3/4 cup water, boil together, (not too long); let cool before using. Add 3/4 cup of brown sugar, 3/4 cup butter, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, coarsely nutmeg, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in very little bit of hot water and about 1 1/4 cups of flour.

Out-of-Oven Baked Potato

Bake potatoes without using the oven. Place an asbestos mat on top of the range, and on it lay the potatoes, previously washed clean and dried. Cover with a deep pan, and in one hour you may eat a potato that is just bursting with meanness. A five-cent asbestos mat will accommodate about five medium-sized potatoes. Occasionally the potatoes must be turned around.

Salmon Sandwiches

Mash half a can of salmon to a paste, taking out skin and bones. Add a raw egg beaten, one tablespoon melted butter, two of cream or milk—if milk, use more butter—salt, pepper, mustard, and lemon juice to taste. Mix thoroughly together and spread between thin slices of bread, trim, and cut into triangles.

FALL UNDER THE BLOOD & FIRE

UNITED STATES

WITH TROOPS IN FRANCE— GRATIFYING NEWS FROM THE FIRST PARTY

Others Being Dispatched—One Hundred Seekers at Havre Meetings

The news sent by Lieut.-Colonel Barker from France (writes Colonel Pear, the Chief Secretary, in the United States "War Cry") is very gratifying. The war has been opened for almost unlimited service among our American troops. Men and money are the great requirements, so that the full harvest of good may be reaped.

A Hut and a Hostel, we are given to understand, are in the course of completion. Large tents are being put up for temporary conveniences and active duty has already begun by our American Officers, who are now busy with the troops in their respective spheres. There were a hundred seekers at a week-end's meetings conducted at Havre.

Opportunities Developing

The Commander is busily engaged at this time with the consideration of plans for various developments suggested by Lieut.-Colonel Barker. When the Colonel's letters are read it is easily concluded that "The Army's opportunities for a really effective service, chiefly along religious lines, are developing with the weeks. A half-million dollars and one hundred Officers could be utilized to immediate advantage. The claims of the French battlefields are unusually great.

The second contingent for France will be ready to sail on Sept. 8th, and we hope that they will get away about that date from some Atlantic port. The contingent will probably consist of eleven companies, eight of them coming from the West and three from the East. This will make twenty-two in all that we shall then have in France.

Commissioner Estill intends to give the Western comrades a great send-off in Chicago, unless unforeseen circumstances arise. The party will consist of the following comrades:

Western: Major J. E. Atkins, in charge, Adjutant Guy Case, Ensign Margaret Sheldon, Captains George A. Andrews, Lorin Corliss, and Freda Tjader; Lieutenants John C. Marshall and Robert Carver, and Bandman Fred Stillwell.

Eastern: Captain Charles Marks, Bandman W. G. Fenton, Bandman Dan Andrews.

Rest Rooms in New York

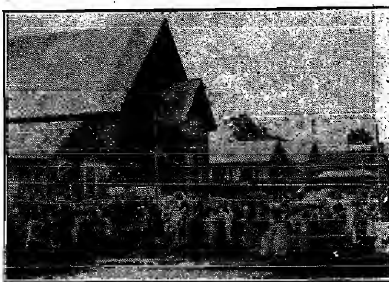
Two of the rooms in the New York Training Garrison have been fitted up as rest and recreation rooms for the boys of the Ninth Coast Artillery, who are quartered in the town being in the Armoury, opposite Headquarters. These rest rooms are being used by a great many of the boys every day, and have been the means of cheer and blessing to them. Arrangements are being made to open rest and recreation rooms in all parts of the country near the front lines. Colonel Barker has standardized the arrangements, and accoutrements of these rooms. It is possible that a good many halls will be utilized for such purposes during the war.

WEST INDIAN PROGRESS

OUR FIRST CHINESE CORPS IN BRITISH GUIANA—OPEN- AIR MEETINGS AND SALVATION VICTORIES UNDER THE PALM TREES

ONE of the most interesting phases of the work in the West Indies is that among the Chinese of British Guiana. Though of comparatively recent inception, when

press his thankfulness in God for having been led to a decision. Wishing to be a Christian name, he was dedicated and re-named under The Army Colours. He lost no



The Army on the March in Georgetown, British Guiana

Adjutant Smith, now of Barbados, was the Divisional Commander, it has grown steadily, and a Corps separate from the parent Corps (Georgetown III), with a roll of more than twenty, has been established. Envoy Cheng is in charge, and has the help of efficient Locals, including Sergeant-Major, Secretary and Treasurer. This is an earnest of further Salvation triumphs throughout the Islands, where it is confidently hoped that the work will spread among the many thousands of Chinese small traders.

Proof of God's Leading

How this work commenced is a clear proof of God's leading. A very intelligent young man, a linguist, who was born in Peking, but left his native land with his parents at an early age and came to British Guiana, attended a Sunday night Salvation meeting, and knelt at the Mercy Seat. Next day his first duty was to call at Headquarters to ex-

AUSTRALIA

GOVERNOR—GENERAL PRE- SIDES AT MELBOURNE SOCIAL ANNUAL

The Social Annual meeting, held in the Melbourne Town Hall, was attended by a large and representative gathering of citizens. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, who presided, also Lady Helen Ferguson, Commissioner and Mrs. Hay were supported by Colonel Palmer (Chief Secretary), Colonel Hoskin (the Territorial Men's Social Secretary), and the Headquarters Staff.

Hon. W. M. Hughes, and the Minister for the Navy, the Right Hon. J. Cook, were to have been among the speakers, but affairs of State, at these stirring times, necessitated their presence elsewhere. They were, however, represented by the Assistant Minister for Defence, Hon. L. E. Groom, who, after explaining and apologizing for the absence of the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Navy, delivered a very eloquent and stirring speech on his own account.

The Governor-General gave a very sympathetic and statesmanlike address. The Commissioner's report was very comprehensive, and showed that a splendid work had been accomplished in the many branches of Salvation Army activity.

NORWAY

WINNING FISHERMEN FROM DRUNKEN HABITS AND BRUTAL DEEDS

An Impressive Sealing of Renewed Affection

Salvation Army Work in Norway is rendered the more difficult by reason of the scattered population. Roughly, the communities may be divided into three classes—industrial centres, country districts, and fishing stations, and in all but the first-named our comrades, especially the Officers, have to travel many miles per week to carry out their duties as Salvationists. Let us consider those who toil among the fishermen of Nordland and Finnmarken.

Row in Small Boats

Usually our Officers have to row in small boats between the different fishing stations in their district. (says Lieut.-Colonel Karl Brin, the Field Secretary), and the meetings are held in the open-air as well as their "roving" in a sort of barracks. It makes a striking picture to see two women Officers standing among these hardy men of the deep, singing their Army songs, playing their musical instruments, or addressing the attentive assembly, whilst the midnight sun contributes a red cast to sea and land, and the music is accompanied by the dashing of the waves against the rocky shore.

On one of my visits to this part of the Territory, after travelling by steamboat from midnight until six in the morning, the woman Captain and I continued our journey for two hours more on a motor boat. Then my comrade showed me that the two men working the boat had been converted only recently at one of the small Outposts in the district. One of these men, the Captain said, had formerly been a passionate drunkard, and his fame as such had gone throughout the surrounding districts. His home had sunk to a dreadful condition, and his wife had suffered much. But through attending Army meetings he had got gloriously saved. His home is now delightfully transformed, and his wife has been converted, too.

The other man, the Captain reported, had also been a slave to drink, and was, furthermore, reputed for ill-treating his aged parents. One night he attended a meeting, confessed his sins, and received the assurance of forgiveness.

A Prodigal's Return

"Next day, as the Captain was passing the little house where the two old people lived she felt an irresistible desire to step in. On entering the little room she found the parents in tears, whilst their son was sitting in a chair sobbing like a child. They at once informed her that the son had come to beg the parents to take him back, and for all his iniquity towards them. It was, therefore, tears of joy, not of sorrow, which the parents shed, and they had promised to take him back and affectionate towards them in the future. The Captain, arrived just in time to see the renewed peace in the home, and with them the thankful God who had given the prodigal the heart of a child."

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Latest Despatches From The Firing Line

CANDIDATES FAREWELL

Faithful Workers Leave Home Corps for Training College

We have said good-bye to Candidate Alma Casler, who has left Nelson Corps for the Training College at Winnipeg. Our comrade has been a very hard worker in the Corps, and has filled many important local offices with credit. For the last four years she has been Recording Sergeant in the Young People's Corps. In addition to this, during the last year, Corps Cadet Guardian and Guard Leader in the Life-Saving Scouts has been added to her responsibility. "War Cry" selling has always been a pleasure and blessing to our comrade.

Farewell services were conducted on Sunday last, and will not soon be forgotten. God came near and gave many of us a fresh touch. We will miss our comrade in the Corps, but we feel God has called, and our sister has obeyed that call. May her future be useful in God's service.

On Sunday, Sept. 9th, Candidate E. A. Ward travelled from Winnipeg for the Training College at Winnipeg. Sister Mrs. Braglin and Lieutenant E. Sinclair spoke on behalf of the Candidate, and wished her God's blessing in the new work she is undertaking. Candidate Ward has been a good and faithful worker and will be missed in the Corps.

COBOURG BAND

Assisted in Sunday's Meetings at Port Hope—Two Seekers

Sunday, Sept. 16th, was a day of blessing at Port Hope. Through the kindness of Captain and Mrs. Parsons, we were ably assisted by the Cobourg Band, who rendered some very fine music at the open-air and inside meetings.

God was with us in the Holiness meeting and Bandmaster Hayward's address proved a great blessing. In the night meeting we had the joy of seeing two seekers at the Cross—M. T.

OWEN SOUND COMRADE

Given Warm Welcome to Corps on His Return from the Front

A very hearty welcome home was given to Private Percy Bearce at Owen Sound recently. A large crowd was at the station to meet the returned hero, including The Salvation Army Band. A procession headed by the Band and followed by an auto containing Private Bearce and his very thankful mother, and other auto made its way to The Salvation Army Citadel, where the welcome of Captain and Mrs. Parsons was given by the people. There was a Festival in the afternoon and we had a Salvation meeting at night. The Songsters left Hiawatha about nine o'clock, and on the way rendered aid to some motorists, who were in difficulty, owing to a fire catching fire. The Songsters helped push the car up a hill—E. N.

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KNELT IN STREET

To Pray for Salvation of Drunkard—Good Finish to Special Campaign—Three Seekers

We have had a successful finish at Sydney to the special meetings of Adjutant and Mrs. Kendall. Thirty-three souls came forward during the campaign. One incident that is especially worthy of publication is as follows:

One evening about thirty comrades were at the open-air when a drunkard came forward and knelt in the ring. All the comrades knelt and knelt at the Mercy Seat until he was soundly converted. He afterwards testified.

The free-will thanksgiving offering amounted to \$50. The campaign has been one that has inspired the people of God, and Holiness teaching will be revived with zeal and fervour by the Officers. Many comrades testified to the blessing that they had received at these meetings.

SPLENDID VICTORY

Harvest Festival Effort at Fredericton—A Good Success

Major and Mrs. Barr were with us for the week-end, Sept. 15th-17th, at Fredericton. On Saturday night we had a fine open-air meeting and a good crowd listened to a powerful talk given by the Major.

The meetings all day Sunday were a great success. At night the Major spoke with great power. Mrs. Barr also took part in each meeting. On Monday night we had a short meeting at which we had a sale of the fruit and vegetables. Two hundred and fifty people were at the sale, and the amount realized was more than double that of the Harvest Festival sale last year.

Our target of \$250 is smashed. We have in already over \$425. The Soldiers of the Corps are to be congratulated on the splendid spirit in which they have taken up the effort. The Young People are doing fine. Last year they raised \$16, this year they have raised so far nearly \$100.

PETERBORO SONGSTERS

Visit Hiawatha and Take Part in Three Meetings

The Peterboro Songsters spent a very enjoyable Sunday at Hiawatha recently. Last year we spent a Sunday there, and were pleased to return again. We arrived in time for the morning service, which was conducted by Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Blunt. All the meetings were greatly appreciated by the people. There was a Festival in the afternoon and we had a Salvation meeting at night. The Songsters left Hiawatha about nine o'clock, and on the way rendered aid to some motorists, who were in difficulty, owing to a fire catching fire. The Songsters helped push the car up a hill—E. N.

UXBRIDGE

On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, Captain and Mrs. Forter conducted the meetings all day, being Harvest Festival Sunday. The Captain talks on the goodness and mercy of God were a blessing to us. We have smashed our target.

HONOUR ROLL

Unveiled at Wingham by Brigadier Rawling—New Lieutenant Is Welcomed

Brigadier Rawling and Adjutant Ritchie, of London, visited Wingham on Monday, Sept. 10th, and blessed times were experienced. A meeting for school children was held at 4.15 p.m., and a nice crown turned out to hear the Adjutant.

At night a very beautiful service was held, in which Brigadier Rawling and Captain Martin welcomed the Adjutant to the Division, and also to the Corps. During the meeting the Brigadier unveiled our Corps' Honour Roll, and the Life-Saving Guards sang sweetly a beautiful song. After a red-hot prayer meeting two souls came forward and claimed Christ.

Lieutenant P. D. Powe (from the Woodstock Corps) has recently been welcomed at Wingham, where he has been appointed to assist Captain Martin. Lieutenant is all on fire for God and souls, and is already proving himself to be a great blessing to all. His straightforward addresses, with their burning truth, are the source of much usefulness.

The departments of the Corps' work have expressed their pleasure at the Lieutenant's appointment.

ADJUTANT BEECROFT

Conducts Services at Kentville—Three Seekers

On Sept. 15th-16th, Adjutant Beecroft conducted the services at Kentville. On Saturday night a good crowd was present and thoroughly enjoyed the address of the Adjutant. The Holiness meeting was indeed a heart-rending time, and one young man knelt at the Penitent Form. A good crowd was present at night. The cornet-playing and talks of the Adjutant attracted a number of people. Two souls surrendered—R. B.

EIGHT AT THE CROSS

And Four Juniors Enrolled at Campbellford

The devil is being defeated at our Corps, and souls are being saved. On Monday, Sept. 10th, Adjutant Burton conducted a Junior and a Senior meeting. Four Juniors were enrolled, and at the close of the Senior service five knelt at the Cross. Sunday night, Sept. 16th, we had a good meeting, with three at the Mercy Seat.

WALLACEBURG, ONT.

Our Harvest Festival services at Wallaceburg were conducted by Captain Webster and Lieutenant Alard. At night a service of song was rendered, entitled "After Many Days." One young man sought pardon.

Our Harvest Festival Target is \$127, and we believe, in the course of a few days, it will be smashed. Brother Cadogan has already collected \$25.

GUELPH, ONT.

Captain Smeeth recently paid a second visit to Guelph and conducted the week-end meetings. The services were well attended, and several persons sought Salvation. Major MacAnnamond also conducted four days meetings. They were times of inspiration and power to each one of us—James Ryder, Sec.

ALBERTA NEWS NOTES

The Day a Great Success—Corps Cadet Roll Is Growing—New Life-Saving Guard Troop

The Day has been a greater success this year than ever, and we heartily congratulate one and all. The following amounts were raised at the different Corps: Calgary (3 Corps), \$1225.67; Edmonton (3 Corps), \$651.50; Lethbridge, \$300; Medicine Hat, \$185.50; Macleod, \$337; Coleman, \$231; Red Deer, \$17.20; donations sent to Divisional Headquarters, \$51. Total, \$2439.87.

Won't The General be pleased when he sees how well we have come to his assistance in this matter of raising money for the Soldiers' Huts?

We now have sixty-six Corps Cadets on the Divisional Roll, and applications are still being received for Cadetship. During the last month three new Corps Cadets have been accepted from Lethbridge, one from Coleman, and one from Edmonton 11. Edmonton 11 has organized the Life-Saving Guards and have been registered as the "Sunshine" Troop. This makes four Troops of Scouts and three of the Corps in the Division; all being duly registered at Territorial Headquarters.

REJOICING AT ORANGEVILLE

Over Harvest Festival Victory—Adj. and Mrs. Knight Lead Week-end Meetings

Orangeville Corps is rejoicing over a big victory, as far as Harvest Festival is concerned. Our target is well smashed. To God be all the glory. Our Harvest Festival week-end was a very happy time. We had with us Adjutant Tuck (Newfoundland) conducted the evening service, when eight souls came forward.

Mrs. Knight talked very beautifully to the Young People, in the afternoon. They rejoiced with us in our victory, and our meetings all day had a note of praise and thanksgiving to God for His goodness—E.C.

SONGSTER BRIGADE

Makes Its First Appearance at Lippincott

Lippincott has been favoured with many visitors lately. On Sunday, Sept. 8th, Adjutant Tuck (Newfoundland) conducted the evening service, when eight souls came forward.

On Sunday, Sept. 15th, Adjutant and Mrs. Knight were with us, and a very profitable and enjoyable day was spent. The Band and comrades rallied to the open-air in grand style. At night the Songsters made their first appearance, and much credit is due to Brother Farns (the Leader) and the individual members, for the way in which they sang. Great things are expected in the near future from them.

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THE PRAYING LEAGUE

PRAYER TOPICS

1. Pray that Russia may give God His rightful place in the building up of her new Government. That The Salvation Army may be a vital force for truth in that great land.
2. Pray for our brave men who are facing dangers and death.
3. Pray for those in the home land who are receiving the heart-breaking tidings of the loss of their sons, husbands, and brothers, "at the front."
4. Pray earnestly for Canada's statesmen in these crisis hours in the history of our Dominion.
5. Pray for our Salvation Army Chaplains, and all who are working for the spiritual welfare of the men at the front.
6. Pray for all nurses and doctors ministering to the lonely and material needs of the troops.

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

By Mrs. Blanche Johnston

The closing chapters of the letter to the Romans were full of good counsel. In chapter 13, verse 7, we have a splendid standard set. Paul was respectful to those in high office, especially his rulers. We saw this in Acts when he addressed the representatives of authority as "most noble Festus."

In these modern days we might learn many lessons in courtesy from the great Paul. There was every reason why he should resent the commands of his rulers, as they were alien to him and his race. The Jews really hated their foreign (Roman) conquerors, so Paul must have had a strong sense of the righteousness of "honouring the king" when he wrote to this way. Of course, he was writing to the Roman Church, but his letters contained valuable instruction not only to the local community to which they were addressed and to the time in which they were written, but to all people in all times and conditions.

Another fundamental principle is enunciated (14:1-3). Referring to the question of eating the meat which had been offered to the heathen gods, and which some of the early Christians felt to be a stumbling block, Paul erects a guiding post in his statesmanlike advice: "Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not." What a broad outlook—what Christian charity of thought. They had been plagued too much with emphasis upon the partaking of meat, which before their conversion had possessed a religious significance. To some of the converts the meat held still some hidden meaning to them; it was a hindrance to spiritual advancement. To others, with a clearer vision the meat was the same as any other meat. They could eat it without any hurt to their spiritual life.

But as ever, human nature was ready to judge each by his own standard, and to criticize those whose view-point differed from their own.

Paul shows them (and us) that this sort of thing is not religion; that religion is something greater, deeper, higher (chaps. 14:5). In another reference to his subject he urges sacrifice for the sake of the weak brother and herein is a secret. Oftentimes what might not be a menace to one, may be to another with a different view. So Paul urges a renunciation of the pleasure or habit for the sake of the weaker one who might stumble by the way.

THE WAR CRY

FAITH HEALING

By THE ARMY'S FOUNDER

The reprinting of this treatise will enable readers to understand what The Salvation Army teaches on this important subject, and will also, we hope, help to clear the minds of any who may be mystified by some of the delusive theories that are set forth nowadays.

X.—THE APOSTLE JAMES ON THE USE OF MEANS

GOD says: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick: it is God that doeth—Faith is one of the means."

4. But the sick man is to go further still in the use of means. He is to be anointed with oil.

5. Now, let us be clear in the meaning of the word "anoint." The general idea attached to the word is, that it is a mere formality, an outward symbol of some kind, or the sign of an outward office, as when used of old at the ordination of priests or the coronation of kings. In this sense we have used the word in our Orders and Regulations; but it has also many other meanings.

6. For instance, anointing may signify the pouring out of oil on the head, or the rubbing of it out to a particular limb, or over the whole surface of the body, or its application to a wound, or its use in other similar ways. It is important that this should be borne in mind, because the anointing here referred to is a matter of different cases, and its character would be determined by the particular kind of sickness from which the patient was suffering.

7. We now come to the consideration of the purpose of the anointing spoken of. Some wise objects must have been contemplated by it. What were they? The advocates of Faith-healing without the use of means surely do not desire to set up the theory that it was nothing more than a symbol, and thereby furnish an argument for the institution of another Sacrament.

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rites regarding this passage as a sufficient justification for the creation of the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. In that case the ordinance is only said to be beneficial in the case of death. Surely, it would not be argued that here is a Sacrament ensuring deliverance from death!

8. What, then, is the meaning, and what were the advantages flowing out of this anointing? Let me try and show.

9. Oil was one of the most useful and popular remedies known in the Eastern world. It is still employed in the treatment of disease to an enormous extent, both externally and internally. In olden times it was regarded as being what many Faith-healers would term a drug, and was extensively used as a means of healing. In one or other of the various forms in which it is prepared, including that of ointment, oil is used for the cure of the largest number of maladies, being used by all agencies alike who engage in the treatment of disease in any form. Perhaps it comes the nearest to being a universal remedy of any substance in existence.

10. What more natural, then, that the Apostle should lay down the simple rule that, instead of rushing to the doctors of the day, who were little better than the "medicine men" of the Indian Tribes, the members of the early Church should call in their comrades for prayer, and that they should, by rubbing oil, might be specially affected, with oil, apply this simple and universal approved remedy.

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SOLDIER'S ANNOURY

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Progress of Religion in the South, which was a critical period in his history, reached William Witherforce. The last named wrote "Practical Christianity," which fired the heart of one Leigh Richmond, and inspired him to write "The Dairyman's Daughter," the simple annals of a Methodist girl, which has been translated into many languages and made by God a power for much good.

The book, "Practical Christianity," also got into the hands of a young preacher who was at a time proclaiming a Gospel he did not know. It so encouraged him and instructed him in the way of God that he came forth as a blazing fire, giving out the truth in such a mighty way that all Scotland rang with the eloquence of Thomas Chalmers.

All these men were at one time young converts; it was, humanly speaking, the help and encouragement they received from those older in the faith which started them on the careers of special usefulness in God's service which are now recorded in the pages of their biographies.

Let Soldiers remember that in helping young Converts to take their stand for God they may be doing more for God and souls than they can in any other way accomplish.

As a concluding word and, in fact, summing up the whole position, I would say that the older Soldiers should be spiritual fathers or mothers to the Convert.

Our Question Box

If you are in doubt or difficulty in regard to spiritual matters, write to the Editor of "The War Cry," Albert Street, Toronto, Ont. We are glad to help you. We shall be pleased to do our best to obtain for any of our readers any information they may need. Write now!

In Distress: Says she is unhappily married. Has got into bad company and taken to drinking and smoking. Mother is dead; she is sure she has gone to Heaven, and wants to meet her again. Used to attend Young People's Meetings.

Judging from your letter your eyes are already open to the dangers of your position. There is only one way for you to take if you desire to be happy in this life, as well as to meet your mother in Heaven, and that is the way of duty, however unpleasant and difficult it may appear.

You must first of all confess your sins to God and claim forgiveness through the merits of the Saviour. It will help you very greatly to do this in public at the Tentist Forum.

You must give up your bad companions and make a clean sweep of all that you know to be wrong. You must be careful to fulfil your marriage vows. You say your husband is good to you; the fact that he is not is a great deal to be thankful for. Things which you describe, should be sufficient to make you love him with all your heart for the rest of your life.

You will find it impossible to follow out this programme without God's help, but He has promised His grace shall be made manifest to every one. We would advise you to go and see the wife of the Officer who is stationed at the Corps you are in. She may be able to help you in this way.

KING DECORATES MEN

A public investiture held recently at Glasgow, His Majesty King George distributed three Victoria Cross and one hundred and forty other decorations. Among those to receive the new British Empire Order was a munition girl.

The investiture was in the poorer suburbs, and attracted an immense crowd. Though it was risky in view of the threatening sky it passed off under fair weather before sixty thousand spectators.

Among the proxy attendees was the mother of Captain D. C. Black of the Calgary (Canadian) Battalion, who received the Military Cross for her son. He was killed in April while leading a company over Vimy Ridge. Captain A. Ralston (Newfoundland) also received the Military Cross.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

A motor tractor demonstration of the district was given recently at the Thornhill Industrial Farm, near Toronto. Eighty machines of various types were assembled for the trials and thousands of farmers were present to see the wonders worked by way of ploughing, harrowing, disking, ending, cutting, silo-filling, threshing, and almost every other branch of farm work which the remarkable development of the farm tractor has made possible. The trials of the many machines were made over an area comprising about four square miles.

The reindeer tractor attracted much attention. This machine is a real iron horse. It is a one-man outfit, and is started, steered, backed up and stopped by a pull on the lines, which it answers like a well-trained horse. Its simplicity and efficiency were well displayed at the trial, when it was set to haul a gang of three plows, a harrow, binder, a seeder, and a rake. The reins are flexible and relieve the driver of any vibration when going over rough ground.

CHILDREN HELP RED CROSS

PRESIDENT WILSON has issued a proclamation calling upon the school children of the United States to do their part in the war by joining the Junior Red Cross to assist in the heroic work of the senior organizations.

The President says the children's branch of the Red Cross will be given an opportunity for relief work for the benefit of both the community and country; will teach how to save in order that suffering children elsewhere may be helped; will live, and will make possible the best work in the great cause of freedom to which we have all pledged ourselves.

Plans are now under way in co-operation with the Board of Education of various States for launching membership campaigns. Schools are to be recruited at units, while membership fees of 25 cents for each pupil. The juniors will aid in the making of simpler articles and supplies needed in the hospitals abroad.

"TANKS" TRAVEL LIGHT

ONE of the strange developments of the European struggle (says a writer in "Machinery") is the so-called "tanks," those lumbering machine-gun fire, that travel over ground plowed by shells, and cross ditches, crawl up precipitous banks,

QUEBEC BRIDGE FINISHED

A GREAT engineering feat, with a river bridge-building, has been accomplished at last after eleven years of work and two serious accidents, and Canada now possesses the largest bridge of its class in the world.



The Newly-completed Bridge Across the St. Lawrence River near Quebec

push down walls, and accomplish that which would be impossible for any of the four-wheeled type motor trucks. The tanks are adaptations of an American invention, being reconstructed caterpillar tractors built in the United States.

The extraordinary capacity of the caterpillar to travel over soft ground is due in large part to the low unit pressure imposed on the supporting track. There are usually eight track links or shoes on each track of a 45-horse-power tractor in contact with the ground, so that with the standard 15-inch width tracks the total bearing surface is 2,080 square inches and the ground pressure is only 6 1/4 pounds per square inch. For very soft ground, special 30-inch width tracks are provided, giving a total bearing surface of 4,800 square inches and reducing the ground pressure to three pounds per square inch, or 432 pounds per square foot. This pressure is much less than the foot pressure of either man or horse; hence it is obvious that the heavy tractor can work over soft soils.

WOMEN IN SHIPYARDS

THE women and girls of England and Scotland are helping win the war by working as laborers in the greatest of the nation's ship-building plants. Elsewhere female workers perform duties which are made as light as possible for them. They drive motor cars and serve as clerks. But in the ship-building yards they do work that heretofore was done by strong men.

In every yard there are hundreds of them and in one plant six thousand of them are employed, where they can be seen standing at the front of forges, beating rivets, running electric machines and cranes; working on lathes and saws, manufacturing on lathes and saws, forming the sides of ships. Their hands are greasy with the grease, soot, iron stain, and other dirt of the shipyard, but they seem always to be spotlessly clean.

SOME POINTED QUESTIONS

Do you mistrust the Providence of God, or lack confidence in His power?
Are you making weakness or difficult circumstances your excuse for failure in the spiritual life?
Is some hidden sin making havoc in your soul?
See "Spiritual Dry-Rot," by Mrs. General Booth, on Page 2.

UTILIZING VACANT LAND

THE War Production Club of Toronto reports that since April last the net result of the continuous efforts and campaigns put on by the club for labour is more than 3,000 men secured for farm work, a large number of whom went for periods of from three to six months.

The increased production of vegetables, because of the back garden campaign and vacant-lot cultivation, is also noted. Over a thousand gardens were cared for by the club on behalf of the wives of soldiers. Vacant lands, varying in area from ten to fifty acres, immediately adjacent to the limits of the City of Toronto, were put under cultivation at the instigation of the club, have yielded large harvests of fresh vegetables because of their cultivation by large groups, such as the Police Force, the Rotary Club, insurance groups, and girls' clubs. The product of the thirty acres which were planted to potatoes by the police, and for which the men of the force provided all expense of labour and money, are to be turned over to the city hospitals and charitable institutions.

CANADA'S TRADE

THE great trade expansion of this country continues, according to figures made public by Hon. J. D. Reid.

Last fiscal year Canada's trade aggregated over two billion dollars, but at the present rate the trade for the present fiscal year should be at least five hundred million more than last year's great record. The total imports for August amounted to \$91,531,000, as against \$72,331,014 for August last year. The export trade shows a corresponding increase of from \$96,832,161 in August last year to \$152,563,354 during the corresponding month this year.

THE SENSE OF SMELL

NO substance that refuses to dissolve in water has an odor. It is the actual substance itself, floating in particles in the air, as in the case of light and sound. The damper a thing is the more powerful the odor it gives off. A pleasant proof of the fact can be had by walking in a garden after rain. It is the vapour of a liquid that smells and not the liquid in the mass itself.

FISHING FOR GOLD

WHEN winter freezes the British Sea miners get ready for the strange work of getting gold from the "Hot spots." The rigs for drilling through the ice down into the mud of the shallow sea, and the mud is hauled to the surface, where gold is taken from it—often in very paying quantities.

Behring Sea, especially in this vicinity, is very shallow. Rarely does the depth run below thirty feet. It is but twenty. New gold deposits seem to be formed by the action of the water during the open season when there is no ice. For this reason the winter mining field, never become barren.

Brigadier McLean and Commandant Jagers, with Colonel who have been at the Western Officers' Training School from Vancouver, B. C.

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PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS:

FRIDAY, Nov. 2nd—5 p.m., Officers' Welcome. 8 p.m., Public Reception to Delegates in Bond Street Church.

SATURDAY, Nov. 3rd—7.45 p.m., Officers' and Local Officers' Council.

SUNDAY, Nov. 4th—Day of Salvation, Massey Music Hall.

MONDAY, Nov. 5th—Morning and Afternoon, Officers' Councils. 8 p.m., Young People's Demonstration in Massey Music Hall.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY—Officers' Councils.

COMING EVENTS

COMMISSIONER RICHARDS
St. John, N.B.—Congress, October 3 to 7.
Temple (Toronto)—Thursday, Oct. 18 (Special Band Festival).
Yorkville—Thursday, 25 (Presentation of Self-Denial Banner).

COLONEL McMILLAN
(Chief Secretary)
St. John, N.B.—Congress, October 3 to 7.
Temple (Toronto)—Thurs., Oct. 18.
Bowmanville—Saturday and Sunday, 20-21.
Thornhill—Sunday, 28.

Lieut.-Colonel Hargrave—St. John, Tues.-Mon., Oct. 2-8; Halifax, Tues.-Thurs., 9-11; Truro, Fri., 12; Amherst, Sat.-Sun., 13-14; Montreal, Tues.-Thurs., 16-18.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Chandler—Halifax, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-7.

Brigadier Morris (Field Secretary)—St. Stephen, Mon., Oct. 8; Woodstock, N.B., Tues. 9; Fredericton, Wed., 10; Chatham, N.B., Thurs., 11; Newcastle, Fri., 12; Campbellton, Sat.-Sun., 13-14.

Brigadier Miller—Dovercourt, Fri., Sept. 28; Kingston, Sat.-Sun., 29-30; Gananoque, Mon., Oct. 1.

Brigadier Bettridge—Newmarket, Sun., Oct. 7.

Brigadier Adby—London 1, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-8; St. Thomas, Wed., Oct. 10.

Brigadier Pawling—Ridgetown, Wed., Oct. 10; Leamington, Thurs., 11; London 2, Sat., 14.

Brigadier and Mrs. Bell—Parliament Street, Sun., Oct. 7.

Brigadier and Mrs. Cornish—West Toronto, Sun., Oct. 7.

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Principal Engagements:

Wednesday, Oct. 3—8 p.m., No. 1 Citadel (Charlotte Street)—Welcome Meeting.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 4-5—Officers' Councils. (Local Officers will be admitted to Thursday night Session, commencing at 8 p.m.)

Saturday, Oct. 6—8 p.m., No. 1 Citadel—Life-Saving Scout and Guard Demonstration.

Sunday, Oct. 7—11 a.m.—Holiness Meeting at No. 1 Citadel. 3.30 p.m.—The Commissioner will lecture on Salvation Army Missionary Work, in the Imperial Theatre. His Honour Lieutenant-Governor G. W. Ganong will preside.

7 p.m.—Salvation Meeting in the Imperial Theatre.

Adjutant and Mrs. Kendall—Charlottetown, Oct. 10-18; Fredericton, 20-31.

Captain Mapp (L.-S. Guard Organ Player)—Halifax, Sun., Oct. 7; Chester, Tues., 9; Lippincott, Thurs., 11; Oshawa, Sat.-Sun., 13-14.

The Territorial Staff Band—Temple (Toronto), Thurs., Oct. 18.

PRISON APPOINTMENTS
Sunday, October 7th
Major and Mrs. Fraser and Wyckwood Band—Thurs., Oct. 18.
Adjutant and Mrs. Adams—Mercer.

LODGES FOR WOMEN

The Salvation Army maintains Lodges as follows:

"Scottie" Lodge, 163 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S.
"Calicut" Lodge, 24 Calicut Street, Montreal, Quebec.
"Rosedale" Lodge, 131 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, Ontario.
"Balmoral" Lodge, 239 Balmoral Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
"Welcome" Lodge, 2215 Lorne Avenue, Regina, Sask.
"Mount Pleasant" Lodge, 75 Seventh Avenue East, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Young Women visiting or passing to the above-mentioned cities will find comfortable accommodation at the addresses given. For particulars, apply to the matrons.

CHAPLAIN'S NEW ADDRESS

The present address of Chaplain-Captain (Adjutant) Penfold is "Borden Cottage, Portsmouth Road, Hindhead, Surrey, England." As already announced, he is working in connection with The Army's Huts at Bramhall. Anyone desiring to communicate with him concerning men at either Bramhall or Witely Camps should address letters as above.

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